

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
OF THE MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER PLACE, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Miller Place Union Free School District, Miller Place, Suffolk County, New York, will be held in the Miller Place High School of the Miller Place Union Free School District, 15 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, in said District on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money, which will be required for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Office of District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, the School District is to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York, during which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board of Education for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027.
3. That for the purpose of enabling the residents of this District to have the benefit of full library services, the Board of Education of Miller Place Union Free School District is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Comsewogue Public Library and the Port Jefferson Free Library for such library services for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to expend therefore during the District's fiscal year 2024-2025 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,300,073.00 (Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Seventy Three Dollars and Zero Cents) and that the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2024-2025, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, and at each schoolhouse in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, not later than Monday, April 22, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law in the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. Registration is also conducted daily at the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, Monday through Friday. The last day to register shall be Thursday, May 16, 2024. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 16, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday, May 18, 2024, by appointment, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the Miller Place Union Free School District by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, by mail to Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, by email to pmorbill@millerplace.k12.ny.us or fax sent to (631) 331-8832. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Miller Place Union Free School District, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, by email to pmorbill@millerplace.k12.ny.us or fax sent to (631) 331-8832. In such request, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk at Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 25, 2024. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk at Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 21, 2024 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the North Country Road Middle School, 191 North Country Road, Miller Place, New York to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2025, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 21, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that absentee and early mail voting will be permitted in accordance with Sections 2018-a and 2018-e of the Education Law. All applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning Monday, April 22, 2024; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or their designated agent. If an applicant or their agent delivers an application for an early mail ballot after May 14, 2024 and not later than the day before the election, the District Clerk shall deliver the early mail ballot when the applicant and/or their agent appears in the District Clerk's office. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A list of persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the Office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, on and after Thursday, May 16, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 21, 2024, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter then present in the polling place may object to the voting of

the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that beginning Thursday, May 16, 2024, a list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available during regular Office hours in the Office of the District Clerk (between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time) on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Sunday or holidays, and available on Saturday by appointment only.

No absentee or early mail voter's ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the day of the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk, Board of Education at the Administration Building, 7 Memorial Drive, Miller Place, New York, in sufficient time to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2004 of the Education Law or on or before March 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the District Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 56 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

Dated: February 28, 2024

**By Order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
MILLER PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Miller Place, New York
Patricia Morbillo, District Clerk**